

July 16, 2017

Honorable Judge Paul deFonzo
Immigration Court
1000 Second Ave, Suite 2500
Seattle, WA 98104

Honorable Judge deFonzo,

I write today in support of Muhammad Zahid Chaudhry's right to stay in the United States. I do not know Mr. Chaudhry, but having heard the facts of his situation, I am inspired to write to you on his behalf. Particularly at this time in our country's history, it seems important for average people to stand up for one another and for our country's core values and laws.

Mr. Chaudhry is a decorated disabled U.S. Army veteran who sustained injuries while serving in the US military as part of the National Guard. These injuries have left him permanently in a wheelchair.

Mr. Chaudhry has qualified for expedited citizenship based on Qualified Military service, which is usually expedited even for those people who came here illegally which Mr. Chaudhry did not. The U.S. government admits that Mr. Chaudhry meets all the requirements for naturalization as a military veteran.

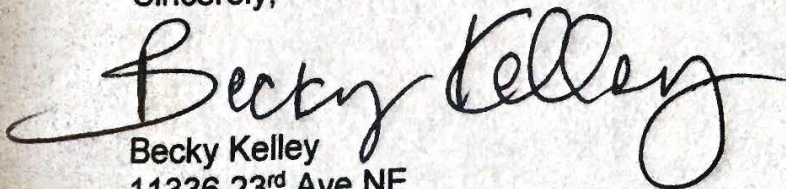
Mr. Chaudhry has volunteered thousands of hours serving the community in various ways. Finally, Mr. Chaudhry qualifies for US citizenship based on the fact that he is married to a US citizen; Zahid and Ann have been married over 16 years.

Mr. Chaudhry embodies the values and record of service that many would say define "a good American." He had served this country courageously and at a great personal cost. He has established himself as a valuable member of his community. And, he has formed a family which would be torn apart were he to be deported.

I urge you to allow Mr. Chaudhry to stay in the United States, to close his case, and to allow he and his wife to live out their lives in their community, together.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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